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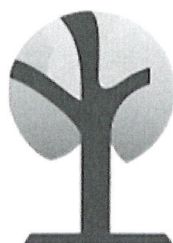
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## BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH US

Dominicans are dedicated to preaching and teaching the Gospel. We believe that at the heart of ministry is relationship with God, others, and Earth that sustains us. Here are three different ways to deepen your relationship with us.

## SISTERS

By profession of vows, Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters make a commitment to God and to one another. These vows compel us to build community, preach God's word, and work for justice and peace wherever we are sent on mission. Community, prayer, study, and ministry are the essential elements of Dominican life.

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## ASSOCIATES

Dominican Associates of Sinsinawa are women and men who are drawn to Dominican spirituality and study. Within the context of their own lifestyle, they participate in our shared mission to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. Relationships with Sisters and with one another offer the resource of partnership and support which encourages spiritual growth.

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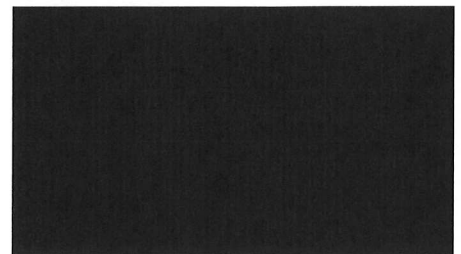
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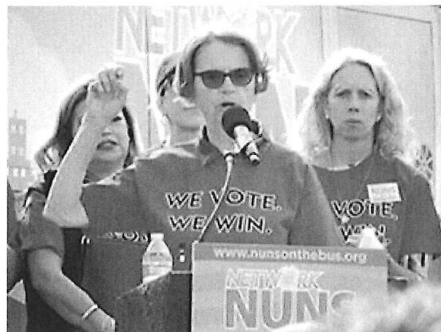
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For St. Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order, the Gospel was the standard against which everything else was to be measured. We are called to be in touch with the needs, hopes, desires, and aspirations of those with whom we share this planet. Dedication to truth and the study required to know truth plunge us directly into issues affecting our society and Church.

St. Catherine of Siena was a Dominican who took risks. She also was known for her direct service: taking care of the sick, looking out for the destitute, and demonstrating no patience with anything that compromised the truth. Through Catherine, we are rooted in risk taking, peacemaking, and service.

Nearly 300 years after the arrival of the first Dominicans in the Western Hemisphere, Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa founder Father Samuel Mazzuchelli continued to sow his new homeland with the tradition of justice. Mazzuchelli acted on behalf of those without access to power. He once said, "One who carries the word of truth ought to imitate the Divine Teacher who went about doing good by relieving the



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oppressed.”

**STRUCTURAL ROOTS**

During the 1970s and 1980s, there was an increasing focus by Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa on the root causes of injustice. In 1982, the Sisters called for coordination of peace and justice efforts at the congregation level. In 1983, the Office of Peace and Justice was established and a Promoter of Peace & Justice was named.

The promoter assists with study and social analysis relevant to global, national, and local issues; calls congregation members to action on behalf of justice issues; and supports congregation justice committees.

Congregation justice groups included the Faith and Resistance Working Group, Alternative Investment Advisory Committee, Restorative Justice Committee, and the AntiRacism Transformation Team.



Sister Reg McKillip, OP, is Promoter of Peace and Justice.

She can be contacted at

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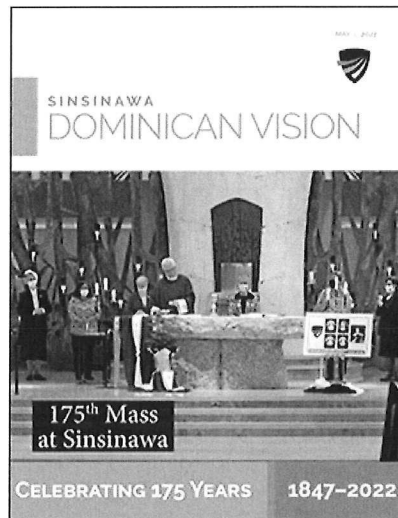
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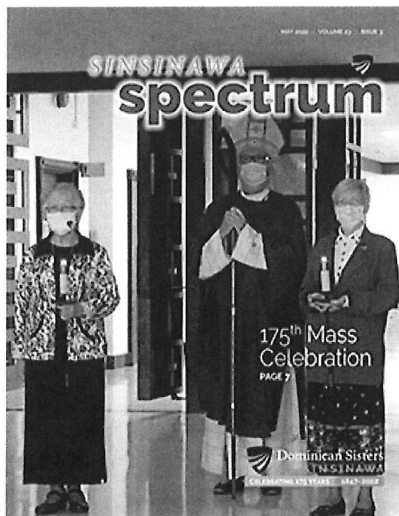
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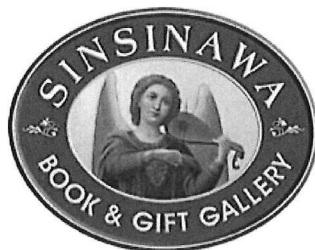
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- Coast to coast orders are subject to an altered delivery schedule to maintain freshness.
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As always, thank you for supporting the Sinsinawa Dominicans. We gratefully remember you in daily prayer.



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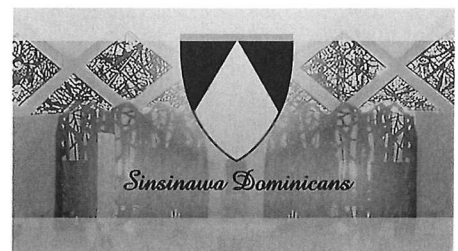
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Sinsinawa Mound is rich in the beauty of nature and in heritage. Sinsinawa Mound is where the Sinsinawa Dominican mission of preaching and teaching the Gospel begins.

What started in 1847 as four Sisters and their founder, a pioneer priest, **Venerable Samuel Mazzuchelli**, in the southwest corner of Wisconsin, grew in both members and places of ministry to spread across the nation and reach into other countries in order to preach and teach the Gospel.

Although the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters were not founded until 1847, in 1844 Father Mazzuchelli purchased 800 acres of land, 450 of which are now known as Sinsinawa Mound. In that same year, he built what is known as the Stone Building. Today, this building sits at the center of the Mound complex and houses retired Sisters and Sisters working in congregation offices at the Mound.

As the Sinsinawa Dominican mission grew, so did Sinsinawa Mound. In 1882, St. Clara Academy was added to the Stone Building. By 1900, the Sisters added a four-story convent building. A chaplain's



Sinsinawa Mound Center  
hosting retreats,  
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house, now known as Westknoll, also was built on the grounds.

As more women entered the congregation, the Sinsinawa Dominicans decided to expand once again. In 1963, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for what is now known as the '64 building, **Queen of the Rosary Chapel**, and dining room.

By 1966, the Congregation reached its peak, as 1,983 women were vowed members. New uses were found for many of the Mound buildings in the 1970s as the number of entrants declined and St. Clara Academy, an all-girls high school, closed. In 2000, St. Clara Academy was converted into 34 apartments for senior citizens, now known as the **Academy Apartments**. The '64 building houses many of the congregation offices and opens its doors to the public for retreats, conferences, and concerts as the **Sinsinawa Mound Center**.

#### Sinsinawa Mound Land Acknowledgement Statement

We are on sacred land. We acknowledge that Sinsinawa Mound is located within the ancestral territory of the Ho-Chunk, Sauk, Meskwaki, Ioway, Ojibwe, Missouria, and Potawatomi Nations. We commit to working in solidarity with Indigenous movements for justice and self-determination. We honor and are grateful to those who have cared for this land throughout the generations.

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The Leadership Council of the Dominicans of Sinsinawa 2016-2021 includes (from left) Srs. Colleen Settles, Betsy Pawlicki, Angelo Collins, Tom Harris (Prioress), and Pam Mitchell (Vicaress).

Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters are dedicated to preaching and teaching the Gospel. We believe that at the heart of **ministry** is relationship. Today, more than 300 Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters in the United States and abroad participate in the mission shared by all Dominicans: to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. Currently, our missions outside the U.S. include Bolivia and Trinidad and Tobago.

Our home, **Sinsinawa Mound**, is located in southwest Wisconsin.

## OUR MISSION, VISION, AND DIRECTION

## MISSION

As Sinsinawa Dominican women, we are called to proclaim the Gospel through the ministry of preaching and teaching in order to participate in the building of a holy and just Church and society.

## VISION

In a world graced by the Holy Spirit yet wounded by divisions, exploitation, and oppression,

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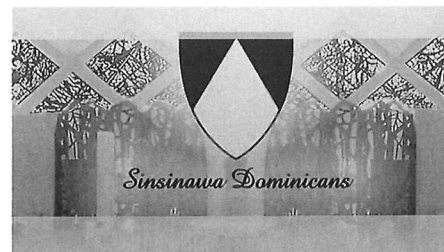
**DIRECTION 2016-2023**

Called forth by God's expansive love and mercy for all creation,  
we claim and embrace God's mission to be our mission.  
As contemplative women of the gospel, preachers of truth, and  
ministers of mercy—

- we hear the cries for mercy and compassion moving us to a radical gospel response of unconditional love
- we call ourselves to respond to the needs of immigrants and refugees and to seek ways to relieve suffering
- we are compelled to risk our comfort and privilege to confront the evil of racism
- we commit ourselves to the urgent summons of *Laudato Si'* to care for Earth, our home.

Graced by the Spirit and strengthened by our Sinsinawa Dominican legacy,  
we promise to hold each other in radical grace and respect  
as we set out anew together.

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There are four essential elements to Dominican life: **community, prayer, study, and ministry.** Community bears witness to the Gospel we preach, and, together with prayer and study, becomes a vital source of our ministry.

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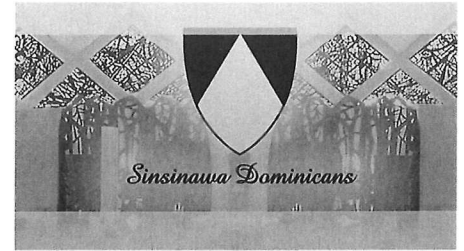
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## FATHER SAMUEL MAZZUCHELLI, OP

Samuel Mazzuchelli, born in Milan, Italy, Nov. 4, 1806, descended from a family of merchants and bankers. At age 17, Samuel entered the Dominican Order of Preachers against his father's wishes and at a time when the Order was struggling.

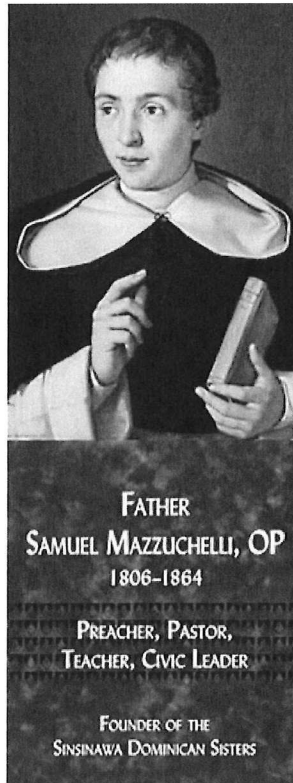
This remarkable Italian-American, at the age of 22, came to the American frontier in 1828. After his priestly ordination, he was assigned by Cincinnati Bishop Edward Fenwick to be missionary priest of the whole of the Northwest Territory.

Father Mazzuchelli traveled this vast area on horseback, in native canoes, and on foot to serve the people scattered on the vast Northwest frontier, from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi and beyond. Those who called him to ministry were families of native tribes and new immigrant settlers, miners, and farmers, as well as political leaders, Catholics, and Protestants.

He established many local parish communities that remain to this day, designing and building more than 24 churches and civic buildings before his death in 1864 at the age of 57. From that time until now, increasing numbers of people have asked his help in prayer.

In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared Father Mazzuchelli Venerable, meaning he exemplified heroic virtues during his lifetime and was a servant of God, thus beginning the process of someday possibly recognizing Father Samuel as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

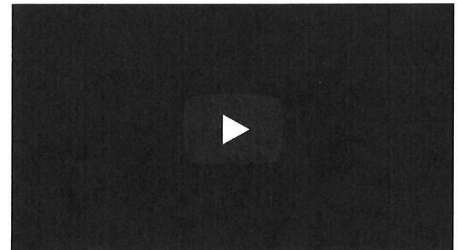
In 1847, he established a community of Dominican Sisters in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, to help him carry on his mission of preaching and teaching. He ended his work as pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Benton, Wisconsin. Father Mazzuchelli died of pneumonia in 1864, having contracted the illness while visiting the sick on a bitterly cold winter morning. However, the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters and the people and pastors of the



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parishes he founded continue to revere his memory as they carry on his mission today.

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Dominic de Guzman was a man with a dream. Born in 1170 in the village of Caleruega in the kingdom of Castile, Spain, he founded a family, the Order of Preachers, that would one day reach out and touch every part of the world. Dominic began as a priest of the Diocese of Osma in what is now northern Spain. He was a canon (clergyman) assigned to the cathedral. His peaceful life was suddenly disturbed by a journey into northern lands. Bishop Diego asked Dominic to accompany him on a mission from King Alfonso VIII to arrange for the marriage of his son. As Dominic traveled beyond the borders of his own country, he encountered for the first time the great need of the people to hear the Word of God preached well and in a way that would respond to their spiritual longing.

Priests at that time were generally not well educated, and many of the clergy, priests, and bishops lived extravagant lives that were scandalous to the people. Dominic soon realized that, in order to be a credible preacher, his life had to be rooted in the Gospel he

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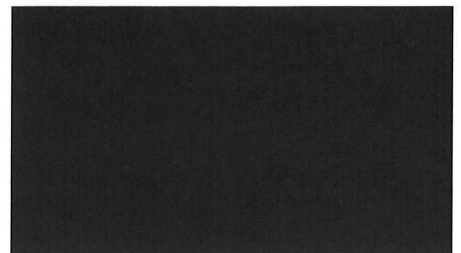
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Oldest image of St. Dominic.  
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Unknown artist, 14th century,

Dominic of the Basilica of San  
Francisco in Paris, France and began to gather other men  
who shared his vision. Even before the Order of Preachers was officially  
approved in 1216, Dominic had also established a community of women  
in Prouilhe who would participate in the preaching mission through  
dedicating their lives to prayer in community.



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## Dominican History

By the time Dominic died in 1221, the Order of Preachers was already on mission in France, Spain, Italy, England, Hungary, Poland, Greece, Germany, and Scandinavia. Four monasteries of Dominican Sisters had been established, and plans were under way for expansion.

Today the Order of Preachers is worldwide and includes priests, religious brothers, contemplative nuns, and active sisters as well as thousands of lay people who have dedicated their lives to the Gospel. The dream of Saint Dominic is continuing to be realized in our own time.

The Dominican shield first appeared in the early 15th century when the Order of Preachers began using this coat-of-arms for identification. The shield features a parted black mantel of the habit on a white field. The coat-of-arms helped establish an awareness of the Order.

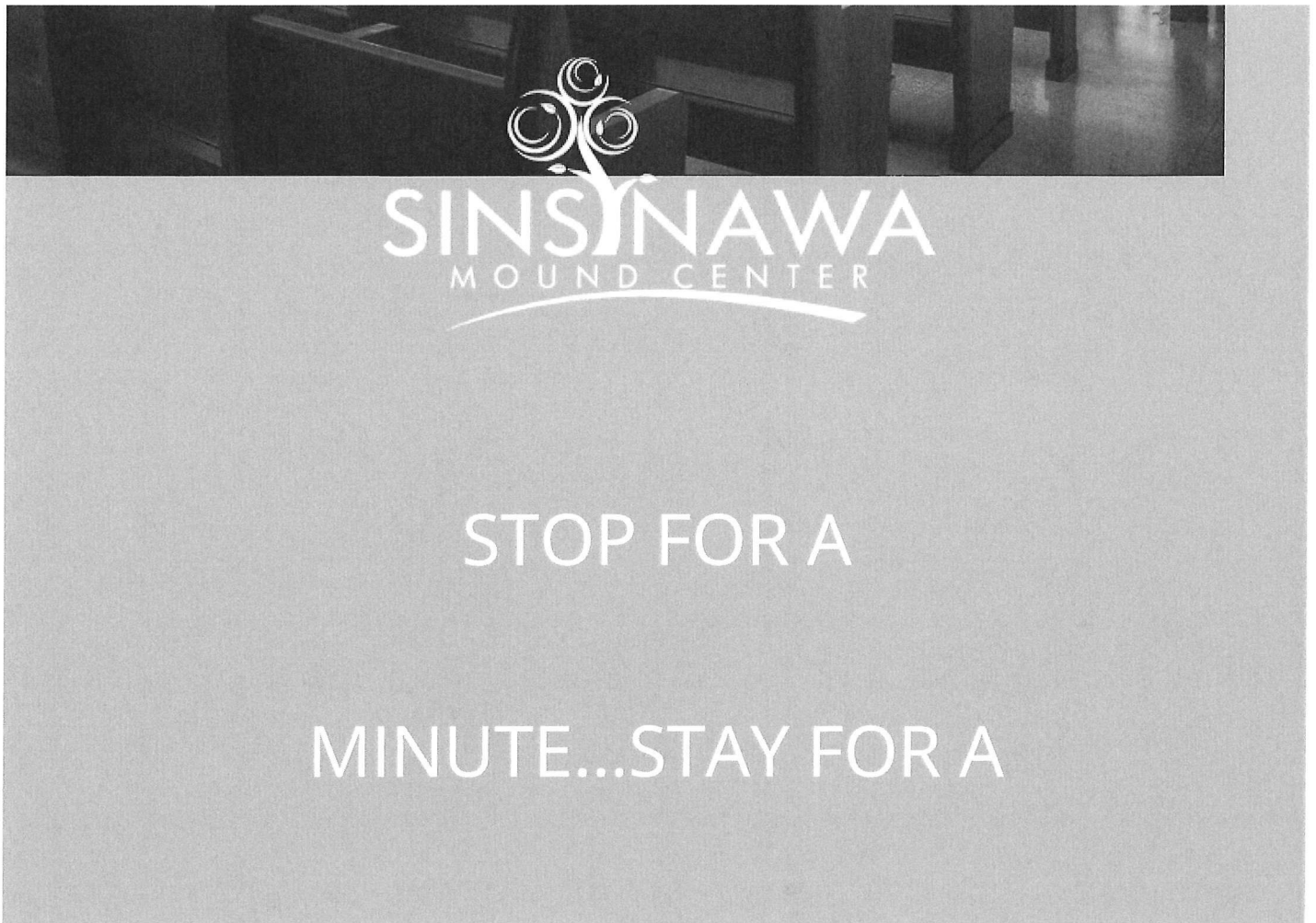


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## Sinsinawa Mound Center Welcomes Visitors and Guests

All visitors and guests to Sinsinawa Mound will enter through our main entrance to sign in, have a temperature screening, and show proof of vaccination. All vaccinated visitors and guests will have access to our public spaces and no longer need to wear a face mask. Unvaccinated visitors and guests are welcome to our foyer area and will need to wear a face mask. Guests only planning to visit the Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery may use the outdoor entrance to the shop. Some requirements may change as we continue to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in the United States. We hold our world in prayer and appreciate your cooperation.





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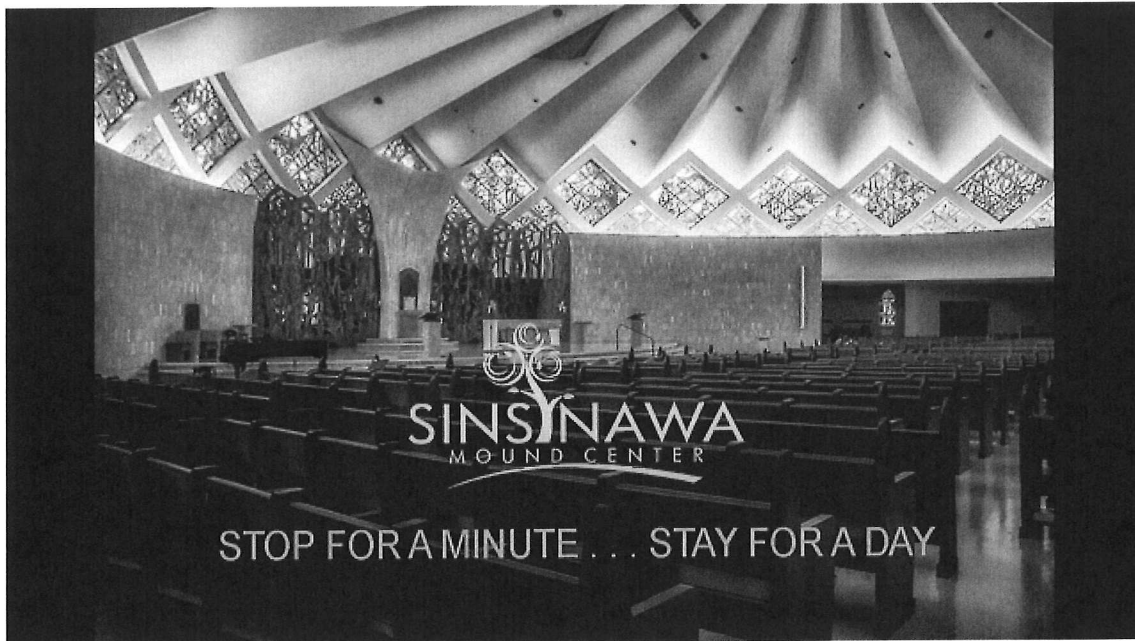
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## Notes of Praise

*"The beauty of the surroundings brings us harmony and solace. As we pull into the driveway, we immediately feel peace, kindness, and goodwill is waiting for us."*



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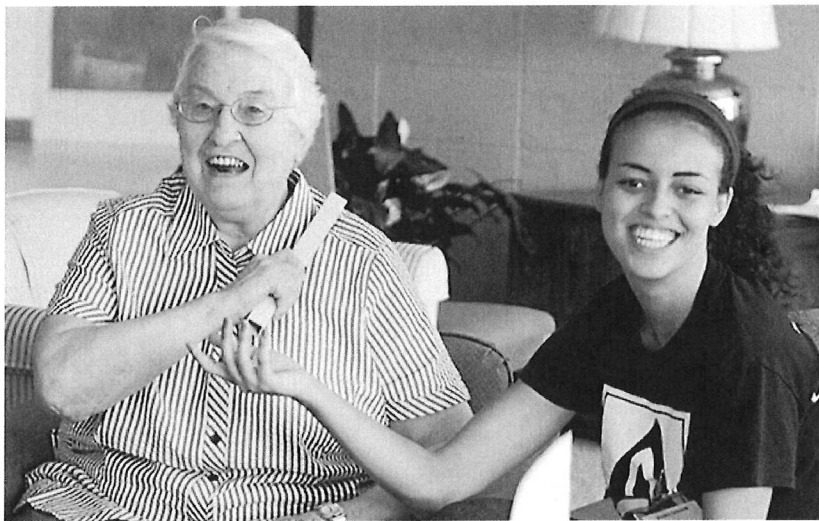
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As an apostolic religious congregation, the Sinsinawa Dominicans engage in many and varied ministries of preaching and teaching. The Congregation sponsors **educational institutions**. Board members, administration, faculty/staff from all institutions articulated five values (Truth, Justice, Compassion, Community, and Partnership) that they felt represented Sinsinawa Dominican educational institutions. By integrating the mission of the institution and these values into all aspects of the school, board members, administration, and faculty/staff strive to carry out the mission of the Sinsinawa Dominicans.

Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters are also engaged in numerous **sponsored ministries**, all of which flow from the mission of the Congregation. The Resources for Mission Office has been established to enable continuing commitment to mission and to provide the skills for mission integration and implementation.

The Office provides programs and resources for mission development and implementation that meet ongoing needs of corporate members, governing boards, administration, faculty/staff, and students of the sponsored institutions. The office also provides assistance and resources to other Sinsinawa Dominican ministries.

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